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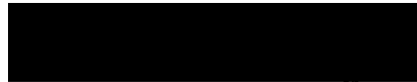
Mr. Wilfred H. Rommel
Assistant Director for
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Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Dear Mr. Rommel:

As indicated in the attached proposed letter to Senator Levin, we have continued our assessment of the impact of his bill, S. 1438 (S. 782 in the 91st Congress), and feel that we should reaffirm our original position that the Central Intelligence Agency and its employees should be totally exempted from it.

I would appreciate your advice as to whether there is any objection to the submission of the attached letter.

Sincerely,



John M. Maury
Legislative Counsel

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

The Honorable Sam J. Ervin, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

My dear Senator Ervin:

I have noted that on 1 April 1971 you introduced S. 1438, a bill "to protect the civilian employees of the executive branch of the United States Government in the enjoyment of their constitutional rights and to prevent unwarranted governmental invasions of their privacy," which is identical to S. 782 as it passed the Senate last year. I am seriously concerned about the consequences of S. 1438 for the Central Intelligence Agency and urge your Subcommittee to grant this Agency a full exemption.

You will recall that in my testimony before your Subcommittee on 22 July 1969 I discussed the problems which S. 782 would pose for the CIA, and asked that the Agency be given the same full exemption from the bill as that accorded the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In response to your desire at that time, an attempt was made to draft alternative language which might alleviate certain difficulties which the original version created for this Agency. Some of this language was incorporated in S. 782 as it was reported by the Subcommittee and passed by the Senate. These changes, however, did not meet the Agency's needs.

Since that time we have continued our careful assessment of the impact of S. 782 as thus passed by the Senate and feel I must reaffirm my original position that, in the interest of national security, the CIA and its employees should be totally exempted from it.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report and that enactment of S. 1438 in its present form would not be consistent with the Administration's objectives.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms
Director

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Mr. Wilfred H. Rommel
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Dear Mr. Rommel:

Chairman F. Edward Hebert, House Armed Services Committee, has requested a report from this Agency on H. R. 1600, 92nd Congress, a bill "To amend the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 to prohibit the Agency from contributing funds to domestic organizations."

Enclosed is a proposed report to the Committee on this legislation. Advice is requested as to whether the Office of Management and Budget has objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely,

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John M. Maury
Legislative Counsel

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The Honorable F. Edward Hébert
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services
House of Representatives
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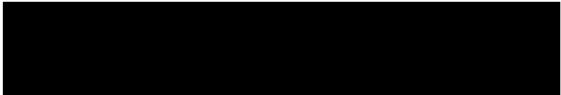
My dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request of 8 February 1971 for a report on H. R. 1600, a bill "To amend the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 to prohibit the Agency from contributing funds to domestic organizations."

The restrictive provisions of this bill would preclude the Agency from even subscribing to or otherwise purchasing publications, such as newspapers, magazines, trade journals, periodicals, etc., from private domestic organizations. The timely acquisition and review of this material is most important to the Agency in carrying out its responsibilities. Further, the bill would prevent the Agency from sponsoring the attendance of Agency personnel at academic institutions for training purposes. We are opposed to H. R. 1600 in its present form.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Respectfully,


Richard Helms
Director

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